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# RUSSIANS FLANKED ON BOTH SIDES.

Japanese Troops Are in Pursuit And Are Inflicting Heavy Losses.

### THE ARMY IS STILL IN DANGER.

Casualties and Losses in Guns and Munitions of War Are Enermous.

PRISONERS MAY NUMBER 50,000.

Not Improbable That but a Small Fraction of Kuropatkin's Army Will Emerge from the Disaster.

Tokio, March 11, 2 p. m .- The Russian forces are now retiring from Muk-

They are flanked on both sides by the Japanese troops in pursuit, and are suffering heavy losses. HARASSING KUROPATKIN'S FLANKS.

St. Petersburg, March 11, 3:10 p. m .-The Associated Press learns that the dispatch received by Emperor Nicholas, from Gen. Kuropatkin last night, in addition to announcing the retreat of

the Russian armies, added: "Our retreat is being conducted with the enemy harassing both our flanks. "The Second army under Bilderling has suffered the heaviest, both in killed, wounded and prisoners. How many are surrounded is unknown. The army is still in danger."

The army was still in danger when Kuropatkin telegraphed, but the situation is better that the public believes. EXTENT OF DISASTER UNKNOWN.

Tokio, March 11, 8 a. m .- The full extent of the Russian disaster is still unknown here. It is known, however, that the casualties and losses in guns and munitions of war are enormous. Even approximate figures are unobtainable as yet. It is expected that the prisoners will number many thousands. Local estimates of the number taken vary from 20,000 to 50,000.

It is not clear yet whether Gen. Kuine north of the Hun river or retire, until he found it was too late to accomplish his plan with the forces at his command, owing to his confidence in the ability of the Russian army to with stand assault. His action in heavily reinforcing his right in the neighborhood of Mukden, incline many to the belief that he planned to hold the line on the Hun river and attempted to check flank attacks.

a desperate onslaught the Japadrove a wedge through the line the Hun river and then pressing north-ward practically created a giant cor-don about Mukden, bagging a tremendous force of the Russians, completed yesterday. Desperate fighting contin-ued during yesterday, the Russians striving to break the encircling bar-

sides yesterday are swelling the already fremendous total involved in the cap-ture of Fushan and the continuous heavy fighting.

It is now known that as a result of he operations yesterday, if the Japahese army succeeds in obstructing the line of retreat between Fushan and Tle pass, but a small fraction of Kuropatkin's army will emerge from the dis-

THE JAPANESE WEDGE. Tokio, March 11, noon.—The Japanese wedge driven through the Russian cen-

ter on the Hun river continues to advance north. It has already arrived Hampu, some distance northeast of iring north along the railway, evi-

dently very badly confused, becaught between the wedge and the me Japanese left, northwest of Muk-

They have been heavily punished during their retreat along the described route, the Japanese shelling the disordered masses of the Russians. Minister of War Teraoutchi has telegraphed his congratulations to Field Marshal Oyama, the officers and men of his army, in their victory.

Field Marshal Oyama in reply ascribes his success to the emperor and the gallantry and bravery of his officers and men.

and men.

PURSUING RUSSIANS VIGOR-

OUSLY.

Tokio, March 11, 6 p. m.—Later in the day the following dispatch was re-ceived from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field:

Our force in the Singking direction, after carrying the enemy's position on the northern heights of Fushan pursued him as far as Huiyungpao, five miles north of Fushan, and at 11 o'clock lest night resurrent. ast night resumed a vigorous pursuit

Today we captured a few hundred light railway wagons and other spoils which are under investigation."

Admiral Ito, chief of the general siaff, and Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy, have telegraphed their tongratulations to Field Marshal Oyama

JAPS ATTACK SUPERIOR FORCE.

Tokio, March 11, 7 p. m.—The follow-ag dispatch from the headquarters of the Japanese armies in the field was In the Singking (Lenden) direction

our forces are now attacking a superi-or force of the enemy, occupying the horthern height near Fushan.

All our forces in the Shakhe river direction entirely dislodged the enemy on the right bank of the Hun river Fri-day and surrounded the enemy on the day and surrounded the enemy on the

According to several reports from monom March 10, the Rusians filled the district between the railroad and the Mukfen road in great confusion, and in a state of utter exhaustion. Thousands upon the several results of the several ands upon thousands of Russians are in the district between Sanwa, eight miles north of Mukden, and Mukden, retreating north on miserable condi-tions. Our artillery and infantry in the vicinity are pouring a fierce fire upon them, inflicting heavy damage. On Friday our detachment made a hurried advance from Total Parking 1989.

### <del>00000000000000000000000</del> IRRIGATION

COMMITTEES TO VISIT THE WEST.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., March 11 .-The irrigation committees of the senate and house are planning a 🛊 trip through the west, leaving Chicago, June 1 over the Rock Island road. The party, consisting of members of the committees and their wives, will proceed to El Paso, Tex. During the month of June, every government reclamation project now under construction will be visited. The party will witness the opening of the irrigation system at Hazen, Nev., June 17. Proceeding to Salt Lake City, the committees go to the northwest, and from there return into Wyoming, breaking up in Denver early in July. Chair- ? man Wendell is making vigorous efforts to have members from the east and those unacquainted with irrigation work accompany the committees.

the Hun river between Mukden and Fushan and reached the Pu river, 13 miles north of Mukden, and at sunset was inflicting heavy damage to the remnants of the enemy.

Our detachment is now trying to annihilate them.

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AT TIE PASS.

Tie Pass, Manchuria, Friday, March 10, 11:30 a. m.—Just before sundown Thursday the dust storm which has been hanging like a pall over the battle-field, lifted and the artillery immediately reopened fire, the bombardment having died down to almost nothing during the day, both of the tired armies having rested while the weird half gloom lasted, although the Japaness evidently took advantage of the obscurity to improve their positions.

A strange and uncanny stiliness prevailed in the city of Mukden during the storm. All noise was hushed, the streets were empty and many shops were closed. The Chinese were appalled by the proximity of the artillery fire and the terrifying gloom which seemed to forebode the coming of evil.

Gen. Kuropatkin had held all his positions.

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Gen. Kuropatkin had held all his positions for two days, actually pushing back the Japanese north of the imperial tombs which were no longer reached by the energy's shells. The sacred ground remained guarded against vandalism by a few Russian sentries, On Thursday evening Gen. Rennenkampff made a counter attack on the Japanese and took three machine guns. He then retired from his strong position at Machuntan and fell back, making a stand in the hills several miles ing a stand in the hills several miles south of Fushan.

Immediately south of Mukden the Japanese reached the head of the bridge over the Hun river.

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The Japanese left is still reported to be working north and the sound of artillery fire is increasing in that discretion.

The position of the Russian army at nightfall Thursday seemed good, with critical fighting west of the railroad between Mukden and Tie pass imminent. settlement was cleared and empty and prepared for all eventualities.

Judge Geo. W. Wakefield Dead. Sioux City, Iowa, March 11.—George W. Wakefield, judge of the district court and ex-president of the Iowa State Bar association, is dead, aged 65

### Fine California Condor.

San Francisco, March 11.-- A magnificent living specimen of the California condor has been shipped from here for the Central Park zoo in New York. It measures 11 feet from tip to tip.

### TRAINS RUN ON ALL BRANCHES OF INTERBOROUCH SYSTEM

New York, March 11 .- Although near ly two days have passed since the political leaders of the unions involved in the big railway street strike were repudlated by their national officers and the strikers ordered back to work, conditions on the affected lines have not become normal. Trains were running today on every branch of the Intertoday on every branch of the Inter-borough Rapid Transit company's sys-tem, but of reduced and in some cases irregular schedules. As has been the case from the first, the subway was the least affected by the conditions. All trains were badly crowded, however, and much more time was consum ed in making runs than is provided fo in the regular schedules, The Third avenue elevated trains were running from 15 to 20 minutes headway early in the day, far away from the regular schedule and the cars were much crowded. On the Sixth and Ninth avenue lines conditions were hetter, but the nue lines conditions were better, but the trains moved slowly and much more in-frequently than under the regular

schedule.

It is probable now that many of the former employes of the company who went on a trike never will be re-employed. It had been announced that all of those taken back would have to return as individuals, that they had forfeited their rights to seniority by their action in joining the strikers, and that they would be obliged to accept a lower. would be obliged to accept a lower rate of wages than they had received. Later it was announced that the com-pany had decided not to take on any of the men over 40 years of age. If this plan is carried out it will affect hun-dreds of men who had been employed

### California Saloon Robbed

Stockton, Cal., March 11 .- The saloor E. Beilich & Co., at Angel's camp, a claveras mining town, was broken Calaveras mining town, was broker into last hight and the safe removed to the back yard, where it was placed bottom side up, a hole made in the bottom with tools stolen from a blacksmith shop at Altaville, three miles distant and \$2,800 in cash stolen. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Trading in Copper Shares. Boston, Mass., March 11.-Trading it copper shares opened with exceptional strength on the Boston stock exchange today, copper range being the principal attraction. The movement today followed a buoyant tendency noted for two or three days past, but the boom in copper range was attributed to a personal newspaper advertisement pre-dicting a high mark for this stock, dicting a high mark for this stock, which appeared today signed by a Boston operator. Copper range which opened at 77, an advance of 1½ from last night's closing, within ten minutes had reached 80-3,500 shares changing hands an unusual volume of business hurried advance from Singlingtien, on for this market in so brief an interval.

## REINFORCEMENTS RUSSIA'S ANSWER,

Not One Word of Peace is Heard, Says Count Cassini, Her Ambassador.

War to be Carried On, No Matter How Long it Takes, Till Victory Is Achieved

Washington, March 11 .- "After Liao Yang there was talk of peace. Hussia's answer was reinforcements. Like Liac Yang, Mukden is the scene of another retreat and again Russia's answer will be large reinforcements, but of peace not a word."

This was the emphatic statement of Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, today in the light of the morning dispatches telling of the Russian retreat. The only official news he has received in the last few days from his government, regarding the operations, is contained in a brief cablegram which came last night, saying that Gen. Kuropatkin was retreating after

days of fierce fighting. The ambassador, however, was acquainted several weeks ago with the final decision of the emperor that Russia would continue the war until Russian arms were victorious regardless of the time it would requirement and already preparations are being made for large reinforcements to Gen. Kuropatkin

If an echo of peace should come out of St. Petersburg no official in Wash-ington would be more surprised than the Russian ambassador who has all along been positively informed that nothing but victory for Gen. Kuropat-kin can bring an end to the war.

### REPORTED THAT PEACE OVERTURES HAVE COMMENCED

London, March 11 .- The foreign office says it has nothing confirmatory of the report printed by the Daily Graphic of this city today to the effect that peace overtures between Russia and Japan have already commenced through France and Great Britain. The officials here say no negotiations are in progress so far as the British government is concerned and the govern-ment has no news forecasting such ne-

### KINGDON GOULD HAZED.

Columbia Sophomores Finally Got Him, Paying Up Old Scores.

New York, March 11 .- Hazers at Columbia university have, it is reported, finally succeeded in exercising their arts on Kingdon Gould, son of George Gould, who caused considerable excite-Gould, who caused considerable excitement sometime ago by drawing a revolver and driving off and band of sophomores when they attempted to capture him. Six sophomores representing a secret organization of the sophomores are said to have taken young Gould by surprise as he was leaving the university. They placed him under parole until night, when he was duly hazed and the class was was duly hazed and the class was avenged for the manner in which he spoiled their plans to make him an unwilling guest at their dinner.

### CHILD WIVES.

Chicago School Board May Compel Them to Go to School.

Chicago, March II.—A school, or at least special room, for child-wives may be stablished by the Chicago board of ed score of wives under the age of 14 years are living in one Italian tenement dis-trict alone.

trict alone.

The investigation is also said to have proved the existence of a traffic in child-wives between this country and Europe.

### TWENTY LIVES LOST. Result of Explosion in Cambrian Colliery, Wales

Cardieff, Wales, March II.—It is now announced that 29 lives have been lost s a result of the explosion which occurred yesterday in the Cambrian colliery at Clydachvale, in the Rhonda valley.

### Henry Norcross Munn Dead.

New York, March 11.-Henry Norcross Munn, editor of "The Scientific American," is dead at his home in this city. He was a member of the firm which publishes that paper.

### Diamond Polishers Strike.

New York, March 11 .- All the diamond setters and polishers in one of the eight shops in New York are on strike for a 10 per cent increase and shorter hours. The force consists of but 53 polishers and 10 setters but there are in the entire country only 250 realishers and not half as ween 260 polishers and not half as many setters.

tters.
The polishers get an average of \$4.50 a week and the setters \$25 a eek. It is feared in the trade that \$34.50 a the trouble may spread.

Rojestvensky Not Returning. New York, March 11.-Admiral Rojestvensky is not returning to Euro-pean waters, according to a Times dispatch from St. Petersburg which asserts that the battleships in the fleet are unable to pass Suez canal without unloading.

The admiralty declares it is unaware

### of Rojestvensky's intentions, does not report his movements.

Nannie Nye Jackson Dead. New York, March 11.—Mrs. Nanni Nye Jackson, widow of Frederick Wol ott Jackson, formerly general super-intendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad in New Jersey, is dead at her home in Newark, N. J., where she was a lead-er in charitable and church work. She was the mother of John B. Jackson, American minister to Greece.

## 300 GUNS AND 60,000 PRISONERS

That is What Kuropatkin Lost According to St. Petersburg Military Clubs.

Nothing Positive is Known of Situation, Not Even Whereabouts of Commander-in-Chief.

NO ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE DEFEAT

If War is to be Continued a New Army Must be Massed at Harbin

St. Petersburg, March 11, 6:50 p. m .-It is reported in the military clubs this afternoon that Gen. Kuropatkin has lost 300 guns and about 60,000 prisoner. besides about the same number of killed and wounded.

KUROPATKIN'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

St. Petersburg, March 11, 3 p. m .- The curtain which shrouds the extent of the Russian disaster at Mukden has not been pierced. Nothing positive is known of the situ-

ation, not even Gen. Kuropatkin's own whereabouts. The commander-in-chief's message, announcing that all the armies were in full retreat, is the last definite word, from the battlefield.

The absence of news gives fine play to imagination, and the city is filled with the most pessimistic reports. The public generally believes that the situation is a second or se ation is much worse than is officially admitted here.

admitted here.

While military men do not attempt to minimize the Russian defeat, the failure of Tokio to report officially the exact situation affords a glimmer of hope that the position of Kuropatkin's army is not so black as painted. The fact that 1,200 cars loaded with artillery and conviction would have a positioned from that 1,200 cars loaded with artillery and carrying wounded men northward from Mukden, during the last 10 days, is interpreted as giving ground for hope that Field Marshal Oyama's plunder will not be as great as reported. The dust storm and the exhausted state of the Japanese armies after their herculean efforts during the 10 days' battle, may also have rendered the retreating armies good service. But the main point, namely, how large a proportion of the army is surrounded and whether it has been captured or still has a chance to cut its way out is not elucidated. Everything indicates, however, that Kuropatkin has suffered a catastrophe of the first magnitude.

While the air is full of peace rumors While the air is full of peace rumors following the Russian defeat, there is undoubtedly necessity for massing a new army at Harbin if the war is to be continued. Neither Emperor Nicholas nor the government have taken a step in the direction of peace and probably they will require several days to reach a decision on this point. The report that France has already been ask. port that France has already been ask-ed to intervene is, however, positively

The Associated Press is enabled to make the following statement:
"The moment might prove opportune

but the question of peace lies with Japan and not with Russia. Russia would welcome peace and peace could be arranged, not through a third power, but by direct negotiations between the two countries if Japan would propose modcountries if Japan would propose moderate terms. As the victor, Japan is in a position to take the first step. Russia cannot and will not sue for peace. Neither could she accept terms which did not recognize Russia as a power in the far east. It is idle to speculate on the concrete terms. The only thing is that Russia's position in the far east must be recognized. Friends of peace throughout the world should use their influence with Japan. The victor should show moderation. Otherwise no end of the war is in sight."

St. Petersburg, March 11, 6:45 p. m.—North of Mukden, when this dispatch was filed, the situation of the Russian army was depicted as not so bad as generally believed here at that hour, but due allowance must be made for

but due allowance must be made for the censors restrictions. the censors restrictions.
No official dispatch was issued to-

day.

The temper of the imperial family can perhaps be judged by Grand Duke Vladimir's response when asked what would be Russia's reply to Gen. Kuropatkin's defeat:

"Sand another army." was his an-"Send another army," was his an-

was evident that the dispatch of It was evident that the dispatch of the Associated Press, from Tle pass (dated March 10, 1:30) was written and filed at Mukden Friday morning, and taken to Tle pass, when the telegraph station was removed there. The dispatch indicates that the Russian rear guard, which perhaps Kuropatkin had decided to deliberately sacrifice, was holding works about Mukden while the army was making its way porthward army was making its way northward and that he was covering his west flank as best he could from the attacks of Gens. Nogl and Oku. The real tide of battle was probably about to break. NUMBER ENGAGED.

Tokio, March 11.—The general staff estifates the number of Russians en-gaged in the present battle at 300,000 infantry, 26,000 cavalry and 1,368 guns. The infantry calculation allows for 276

cattalions with an average of 800 mer

### THE ALBATROSS RETURNS. Has Been Exploring and Sounding In South Pacific Four Months.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—The United States ship Albatross is in port after four months' exploration and soundings in the South Pacific. She crossed between the continent and islands four times, earrying on deep sea explorations and soundings and gathering specimens of marine life. The explorations were under the di-rection of Prof. Alexander Agassiz, rection of Prof. Alexander Agassiz, who had as his guests and fellow work-ers Henry B. Bigelow of Boston; Prof. Kofoid of the University of California and Prof. Chamberlain. None of them will speak of the scientific results of the trip, claiming that their reports must be forwarded to Washington to find their way to the people through official sources. Their work was directed according to plans outlined by government Fish Commissioner Bowgovernment Fish Commissioner Bow

# BOMB EXPLODES IN RUSSIAN HOTEL

The Owner, a Man With an English Passport, Had Both His Legs Torn Off.

### CZAR'S ARMIES MUST TRIUMPH | KILLED AND WOUNDED SAME. | NO DOUBT HE WAS A TERRORIST

Wife of an Officer Also Killed-He May Have Been Connected With Sergius' Assassination.

St. Petersburg, March 11 .- The explosion of a bomb at the Hotel Bristol, adjoining the Hotel d'Angleterre here, just before daylight, this morning, blew to atoms the owner of the bomb, s man with an English passport and giving the name of Alfred Henry Mc-Cullough, and wrecked the adjoining rooms, killing the wife of an officer and injuring several other lodgers. The explosion was heard blocks away and created a tremendous sensation.

McCullough's legs were torn off and the fiesh of the upper portion of his body spattered the walls and ceiling, which were red with blood. The police believe McCullough was charging the bomb when it exploded. At the British embassy and consulate McCullough is

embassy and consulate McCullough is unknown. It is not believed he was a British subject.

There is not the slightest doubt that the man killed was connected with terrorists plots. The bomb was of the same power as those which killed the late Minister of the Interior von Plehve and Grand Duka Serging creating the late Minister of the Interior von Plehve and Grand Duke Sergius, creating the same havoc as did the explosion at the Hotel du Nord last Spring. The preliminary investigation of the police leads them to believe that McCullough was engaged either in packing his effects, as the Hotel Bristol was to be watched today, when the bomb which like all the infernal machines of the terrorists was provided with gravity tubes, fell and exploded as the one at the Hotel du Nord did. The police immediately surrounded the hotel, mounted gendarmes, allowing no one to go within 59 paces.

An independent investigation made by the Associated Press seems to es-

by the Associated Press seems to establish beyond question that the man killed was a terrorist leader. His passkilled was a terrorist leader. His pass-port of course was fictitious, but the man was a foreigner, not a Russian. At the Hotel de Paris, where he has been stopping from time to time since the middle of January, McCullough was described as a very innocent look-ing man between 30 and 40 years old, resembling more a Frenchman than an Englishman, speaking French with the fluency of a native. He also spoke fluency of a native. He also spoke English, which, however, he had little occasion to use at the hotel, where he kept much to himself, going away on frequent short trips. Just before Grand Duke Sergius was assassinated, the grand duke's murder. McCullough professed to be engaged in business, but in view of what has happened, his movements are admitted to have

Some of the police are inclined to think McCullough was a direct emis-sary of the Paris revolutionary organization.

### Will Promote Arbitration.

Vienna, March 11.-In an autograph etter, thanking Admiral Spaun, Austria-Hungarian representa-tive on the international North sea-commission, for his labors, Emperor Francis Joseph expresses the opinio the reference of international disputes to arbitration,

### ACTIVE TRADE IN SMUCGLED ARMS BROKEN UP

Berlin, March 11 .- An active trade in smuggled arms at Ostrowo, Prussia, and at Kalisch, Russia, was broken up this week by the joint action of the Prusslan and Austrian police. The arms intercepted consisted chiefly of the poorest quality of revolvers worth \$1.25 wholesale. There is no evidence that the smugglers were agents of the revolutionists or that they were con nected with any organization. They were merely adventurous travelers who sell goods on the other side of the bor der at 400 or 600 per cent profit, with little risk on this side of the frontier, although those caught in Russian territory are severely punished. Tillicit trade has always existed, but creased to large proportions during the recent months. Such revolvers are now abundant in any Polish city, but are becoming dearer. farther in the frontier. The arms are concealed in many ways in goods sent into the country in crates, the ware, packages of cloth and bunches of bananas. The experience of German commercial traexperience of German commercial travelers is that buyers of goods frequently request that 10 to 20 revolvers be concealed in their packages, not because the merchants are antagonistic to the government, but because it is regarded as good business. Some firms have been quite willing when the customer's tastes were known, to throw in a few revolvers and boxes of cartn a few revolvers and boxes of cart ridges as an inducement to buy.

### Woman Golf Champion.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—Miss Rosmon Saltonstall of Boston is win-ner in the final game for the woman's gold championship. She is a counsin of Miss Alice Roosevelt.

### PEABODY ADAMS CASE.

Colorado Supreme Court Listens To Arguments on Interrogatories

Denver. March 11.—The state supreme court today heard arguments on the question of taking up the interrogatories submitted, by the general assembly with the view of testing the legality of the proposition to oust Gov. Alva Adams and seat Lieut.-Gov. Jesse F. McDonald as governor.

Attorneys for James H. Peabody, contestor for the governorship, argued that the court could take cognizance of the questions but that the legislature could not legally seat the lieutenangovernor as governor, and if a vancancy were declared former Gov. Peabody would thereby be reinstated in the office which he surrendered to Alva Adams which he surrendered to Alva Adams evening.

after the legislature canvassed the reg turns and declared him elected.

The anti-Peabody Republicans' prop-osition that the legislature has a right to declare a vacancy in the office of governor and seat the lieutenant-gov-ernor was advocated by several attor-

neys.
Senator Edward T. Taylor, as amicus curiae, contended that the court had no right to assume jurisdiction or answer the interrogatories.

Arguments in Chadwick Case, Cleveland, Ohio, March 11.—J. P. Dawley, sentor counsel for Mrs. Chadwick, resumed his argument today.
Mr. Dawley made a vigorous onslaught on the evidence submitted by the government. He declared that absolutely nothing had been submitted tending to prove that prior to securing the certification of checks by Spear, she had made any agreement or arrangement to that effect with him. He strongly urged the jury to remember strongly urged the jury to remember that Mrs. Chadwick was not on trial for getting certified checks illegally, for getting certified checks illegally, but agreeing beforehand with Beckwith and Spear to procure their certification. He dwelt at great length upon the difference between the commission of an act and a conspiracy to procure its commission and asked the jury to remember that there is as much difference between them as between a horse chestnut and a chestnut horse.

### Portland Mining Suit.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 11 .- The first oral testimony in the Portland mining suit was heard today. T. M. Howell of Denver, testified that James Doyle, the plaintiff and J. F. Burns, the defendant, lived and worked together on several claims in the Cripple Creek on several claims in the Cripple Creek district in the winter of 1893. He detailed a conversation which he had with Burns and Doyle, in which Burns stated that there had been a falling out with the two other partners and that he and Doyle were going to work together as partners from that time an. It has been decided by the county authorities that no attempt will be made to interfere with the trial because of expense fere with the trial because of expense

### OYAMA'S NEW BASE. From Mukden He Will Go

Northward. Washington, March 11.—With Mukden as his new base, Marshal Oyama has determined to push northward in the direction of Harbin with a large part of his army in the effort to follow up his recent victory as rapidly as pos-sible and accomplish his one great pur-pose of administering a really crush-ing defeat to Gen. Kuropatkin. This information has reached Washington from an authoritative source, and acfrom an authoritative source, and ac-curately sets forth the present pro-gram of the Tokio war office. After receiving several cablegrams telling of the victories of the Japanese around Mukden, M. Takahira, the Japanese minister, although the host at a bril-liant reception last night, which lasted past midnight, was an early visitor at the state department today, where he the state department today, where he had half an hour's conversation with Secy. Hay. As he was leaving the department, the minister was asked what effect, in his opinion, the battle of Mukden would have upon the ultimate issue of the war.

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"For us it is but a chapter in the great conflict, though a most important one," the minister replied. "It is difficult for me to say how much the battle of Mukden will contribute toward peace, for overtures for peace must necessarily come from the other

"Will your government suggest peace, in the light of Oyama's victory?" the minister was asked as he entered his

### The initiative, I repeat, can scarcely be looked for from Tokio," he replied.

No Senator in Missouri. Jefferson City, Mo., March 11 .- The ballot today for senator was without re-sult and practically unchanged from that taken yesterday.

### CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Recent Amendments Increase Washington, March 11.—The president has recently promulgated several amendments to the civil service rules, and their general effect is to increase the scope of what is known as the competitive service. By the most important of these amendments, inspectors of surveyors-general and district land offices, and special agents of the general land office are hereafter to be appointed only after an examination. These positions were formerly in the excepted classes and were filled by the secretary of the interior without competition.

To this rule there is an exception in the case of five positions of special agent of the general land office, of men to investigate fraudulent entries and other matters of a criminal nature. They are still to be appointed without examination. Another amendment eliminates the requirement for a contract in the employment of physicians for the indians. Scope of Competitive Service.

### MOTHERS' CONCRESS TAKES A WHACK AT SENATOR SMOOT.

Washington, March 11.-The National Congress of Mothers held its final business session today with delegates present from the 17 states, including Callfornia and Texas. In an address, Mrs. Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia, pres-

Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia, president of the congress, spoke of the part taken by the organization in pressing the inquiry into Senator Smoot's right to his seat. On that point she said:

"The National Congress of Mothers has taken an active part in securing investigation of the right of a Mormon Apostle to a seat in the United States senate. Your president laid the facts before senators, urging help in checking the growth of poylgamy and Church domination in the schools and in the civil affairs. The election of an Apostle of the Mormon hierarchy was regarded as very serious, and the mothgarded as very serious, and the mothers' congress cannot ignore conditions which degrade womanhood and wife-hood, and which give to children false

### SENATOR SMOOT.

He, Wife and Son Start for Home Tonight.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., March 11.-Senator and Mrs. Smoot and their son Harold, acompanied by Miss Eldredge, Mrs. Smoot's sister, start west tonight Senator Smoot will not return to Washington during the remainder of the special sesion of the senate.

### FIRST THUNDERSTORM.

The first thunderstorm of the seaso ccurred at 2 p. m. today. It came from the northwest, accompanied by rain though the weather office rather thought it would turn to snow by this

# ADJOURN TODAY.

May be as Late as the Middle of The Week Before That Is Done.

### BUT SENATE IS ALMOST READY.

Another List of Appointments Expected From the Office of the Governor This Afternoon.

APPROPRIATION BILL COMING.

Pruning Knife Been Freely Used Upon It-Lucin Cut-Off "Saunter" for Temorrow.

The Legislature will not adjourn tonight as hoped for. It may be the middle of the week before such action s taken though the senate might be ready to do so by Monday night. The house, however, cannot dispose of its

business by that time. This afternoon there will be another list of appointments go in from the governor to the senate, and this evening members of that body will be the guests of Gov. Cutler at a Commercial club dinner. The appropriation bill that is being submitted at the eleventh hour, almost in the throes of adjournment, it is predicted, is going to contain some most astounding surprises, it being stated that the pruning knife of economy has been used with extraordinary vigor, and that the recommendations of the committee will "have to go." This afternoon at a late hour, it is said that the University and Agricultural college consolidation proposition will come up again and with promising prospects of passage. Tomorrow some of the senators, and perhaps some house members will take a "saunter" over the Lucin cut-off.

### THE BIG SCHOOL FIGHT.

For the third consecutive day the senate chamber was thronged this morning with friends of the two state schools engaged in a life and death struggle for supremacy in the state's educational system.

This time the array in favor of sub-

mitting a proposition to the people to decide whether the state shall have a University worthy of ranking alongpide of substantial universities, or shall prolong the agony, as Senator Bennion puts it, of continuing two weak and backward rivals, was very

The educational leaders this morn ing were insistent in their plea that while the state's lower schools are excellent, its higher education is de-plorably below standard, that its Uni-versity is not, in fact, the center of its educational system, and lacks the prestige and standing to make it worthy of the state, and capable of

turning out in reality a university trained men and women.

The feeling that the fight is par-tisan, instead of being waged on the high grounds of securing the best pubservice was less apparent when the first vote was taken Thurs-

The matter is scheduled for further consideration this afternoon when a compromise resolution is expected to pass the senate.

APPROPRIATION SURPRISES. The report of the committee on appropriations is diverting the interest propriations is diverting the interest on the consolidation matter. While it is not yet fully prepared, it is stat-ed that the scaling down of funds is carried to an appalling extent and that it goes even to the extent of leaving out several political offices, whose ap-pointees will have decidedly shattered dreams when the schedule is made pub-

### MORE NAMES TODAY.

More appointers for Governor Cutconfirmation today.

Still to be acted upon are appointees for the state board of corrections, the mental hospital board and the state board of horticulture.

For the horticultural board the following are to be submitted. Thomas

lowing are to be submitted: Thomas Judd, John E. Cox, C. A. Hickenlooper and Profs. J. A. Widtsoe and E. D. Ball of the Agricultural college. WILL DINE TONIGHT. This morning invitations arrived to the senate, the members of the press, and attaches, from Gov. Cutier, in-viting them to dine at the Commercial club, at 6 o'clock. A large legislative

gathering is said to be scheduled. COMMITTEE REPORTS. H. B. 126, by Hawley, on the salarles

of county officers. Not to pass. Adopt-H. B. 189, on pawnbrokers. Not to

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H. B. 205, regarding undertakings on appeal. Not to pass.
H. B. 230, on the forms of pleadings in justice's courts.
H. B. 225, providing for a school census. Not to pass.
Considerable discussion was engendered over the killing of H. B. 225, by Kinney, on taking the census. Senator Clegg contended that the district he represents is entitled to more representation than it gets, and that the state Constitution makes it mandatory to take the census at this time.

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Lawrence resiled that the census would cost \$30,000 or more and was provided for in the hope that by this time Utah would be entitled to more congressional representatives. His speech killed the bill.

The fish and game bill came back from the house so radically amended that Lawrence and Walton were appointed as a conference committee to pointed as a conference committee get some of them eliminated, amendments totalled over 75.

CAUCUS AT NOON.

The senate and house went into joint caucus at 12:30 with Senator Barber and Representative Roberts left out by special request. That something nearly miraculous had happened was apparent when the house in a body came sauntering down into the senate chamber to visit it while it worked the ber to visit it while it worked the wheels of routine just before noon. As the two bodies were not known to be speaking terms, this sudden desito visit was peculiar, and it appeared

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